

## **LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2013 AT 7.30 PM**

#### **PRESENT**

**Councillor Peter Watson in the Chair**

**Councillors R Bellamy, G Bush, P De Vaux Balbirnie,**

**J Dunnett, Mrs H Smith and R Smith, Mrs L Gray, Mrs E Ward, B Ward and Mrs A Wood.**

There was Essex County Councillor Erskine and 1 resident present.

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

**Councillors Mrs M Balbirnie and J Cutting sent their apologies.**

#### **2. ANY URGENT MATTERS**

None

#### **3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2013**

The Chairman proposed and all agreed the previous months minutes which were then approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

##### **Millennium Green Meadow**

The Clerk had written to Mrs Darnell but had not received a reply.

A report left by Councillor M Balbirnie said she had been given notice of a meeting to be held in the Parish Room on 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie stated he thought a public notice should have been displayed for 21 days before the meeting.

##### **Sladbury Solar Panel Farm**

The Chairman reported that the public meeting had gone ahead, and the information shown did not look any different to the original application that had been withdrawn.. Until the new application is submitted and available to the Parish Council there can be no further comments.

##### **Parkgate Farm House 13/00084/LBC**

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie reported that there was no further news regarding the Parkgate Farm building works or the landscaping conditions on the Apple Tree approval. He agreed to speak to the Planning Officers again.

#### **5. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD**

**(a) Highway Matters:** Cllr Smith reported that the repairs to Holland Road/ Rayners Bridge will be started in February 2014, and will last for approximately 6 weeks.

##### **b) Parish Business:**

**The Chairman declared a pecuniary interest in the next item.**

Sale of Land in Galloway Drive, The Vice Chairman reported that each valuation will cost around £275. As the piece of land is only a small plot, Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie proposed that only one valuation was obtained, Cllr Bellamy seconded and all agreed. The Clerk is to instruct one of the surveyors to carry out the valuation.

## 6. POLICE/CRIME PREVENTION

The Clerk read out excerpts from the latest report, covering September, which described various assaults and thefts within the Little Clacton Parish, including the theft of some traffic cones.

## 7. WORKING PARTY REPORTS

### (a) Maintenance and Services

The Chairman reported that the contractors have now finished the drainage sump in the entrance road at Parish Fields.

The Chairman said that he was waiting for quotes from contractors regarding the pruning of the trees around the street lighting units and in various locations around the village.

The Chairman was awaiting a reply from Essex County Council regarding the replacement Village Gateway. The Extended hard standing and disabled entrance to the Village War Memorial has now been completed.

(1) **Street Lights** – Councillor Ward reported that Phase 1 of the repair schedule had been ordered costing £885. The next phase of major work will need to be done when further funds are made available in next years budget.

(2) **Footpaths** – Councillor Gray reported that rain was still falling from a building along one of the footpaths, and it was evident that no work had been carried out yet. She is to speak to the owner of the building again.

(3) **Precept** - Councillor Bellamy reported that there was a precept meeting for the Clerk on 20<sup>th</sup> November but the Finance Committee will not find out how the LCTSS will work until Tendring District Council receive their settlement figures from Government in December. The Parish precept forms must be returned during December. The proposed precept figures need to be set and approved at the next Parish Meeting, before we know if the full grant is available. Little Clacton Parish will need to include extra cost pressures for next year including Street Lighting and the Millennium Green.

(b) **Planning and Development** Councillor Wood reported on the following

### (1). Applications:

13/01228/TPO	19 Sunnyside Way, Little Clacton	Oak reduction in size.
13/01212/OUT <b>Refusal recommended due to backland development.</b>	Land to rear of 2-4 St Osyth Road East, Little Clacton	Proposed dwelling

### (2). Decisions:

13/01085/TPO Approval - Full	19 Sunnyside Way, Little Clacton	Oak reduction in size.
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## 8. INTERNET

Councillor Bellamy reported that the Council Website continues to run smoothly. The Superfast Broadband Rollout news is that Little Clacton Parish will be able to access Superfast Broadband (up to 24 Mbps) as part of the Superfast Essex Programme. Little Clacton currently sits across phase 3 and 4 and work is due to commence towards the end of 2014.

## **9. TDALC**

The Chairman thanked Councillor Smith and Councillor H Smith for attending the Locality Board on Little Clacton Parish's behalf. Councillor H Smith reported that the Locality Meeting was similar to the TDALC in that regional topics were discussed, but they did not have the power to take action on any items. It was mainly informative. The meetings are held every three months and both Councillors said that they would be happy to continue to attend. The next TDALC meeting is being held on 27<sup>th</sup> November.

## **10. PARISH FIELDS AND YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Councillor Bellamy reported that all facilities at Plough Corner continue to be well used. The playing fields have benefited from the recent drain work and a full programme of football has continued, notwithstanding the recent wet weather. The complex survived last week's storm with little damage. Councillor Bellamy asked the Clerk to write to the residents in Harwich Road who own the tree backing on to the car park, which lost a large bough in the storm, requesting them to make arrangements to move it. Councillor Bellamy reported that the bucket collections at the classic car shows had collected a sum total of £441 and a few pence for Macmillan Nurses.

## **11. PHASE 2 PAVILION EXTENSION**

The Chairman reported that Building Regulations and the plans had been approved by Tendring District Council. Tenders will be considered and recommendations made to Council at the next meeting.

## **12. VILLAGE HALL**

Councillor Dunnett reported that the Village Hall had lost some slates from the roof in the recent storm. These have already been fixed. The booking secretary has resigned and will leave on the first of January. Councillor Dunnett asked if anyone knew anyone who would be interested, if so to contact him.

The front hedge along the road has been cut to 2 foot 6 inches tall. The Village Hall Committee aims to complete the perimeter of the field. Compliments had been received regarding how neat it was.

## **13. MILLENNIUM GREEN**

See Matters Arising.

## **14. TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Councillor De Vaux Balbirnie gave a written report to members of the activities at TDC during the past month which included progress on the following ongoing projects:

**ECC Highways;** Work is to commence on Rayners Bridge in February 2014.

**Travellers Site at Weeley;** The appeal hearing has been completed and the Inspectors decision is awaited along with the Starena Site appeal.

**Proposals for Street lights to be turned off;** Tendring District will have the lights turned off from January 2014, although Parish lights will still remain on.

**The Crucial Crew for Primary School Children;** The Valley Farm Holiday Park is hosting this event from 4<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November, to give Children from across Tendring District vital lessons from experts on how to stay safe. Many organizations will be taking part.

**Free Micro-Chipping Surgeries for Dog Owners in Tendring;** Further sessions will be held 9.30am to 3.30pm at Jaywick Resource Centre on November 12<sup>th</sup>, Clacton Town Hall on November 19<sup>th</sup> and Brightlingsea Council Offices on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie reminded everyone that the Drop in Session for the Clinical Commissioning Group is 12:30 – 1:30pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at Sam's Hall, Rosemary Road, Clacton.

**Rogue Traders** are operating as a result of storm damage – The Police are warning about rogue traders operating in the district as a result of the recent storms. Parishioners should be aware.

#### **15. CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>Essex County Council</b>	<b>Holland Road, Little Clacton - Closure</b>
<b>Tendring District Council</b>	<b>Precept 2014/15</b>
<b>Lambert Smith Hampton</b>	<b>Disposal of land rear 80-94 St Osyth Road East.</b>
<b>Tim Wild</b>	<b>Housing, Thorpe Road</b>

#### **16. FINANCE AND CHEQUES AUTHORISATION**

The up-to-date balance of the Council's funds was noted.

<b>Cheques issued:</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>HMRC (PAYE)</b>	<b>183.64</b>
<b>RB Design Solutions</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>E.ON</b>	<b>282.71</b>
<b>Tony Nash (WP135)(SF136)</b>	<b>615.64</b>
<b>Tony Nash (MC2)</b>	<b>472.60</b>
<b>G R Harrison</b>	<b>106.50</b>
<b>Family Support</b>	<b>125.00</b>
<b>Kendall Commercial Services (St James Churchyard)</b>	<b>281.03</b>
<b>Kendall Commercial Services (grounds maint.)</b>	<b>551.33</b>
<b>Viking (stationery)</b>	<b>119.75</b>
<b>SLCC Enterprises (manual)</b>	<b>50.50</b>
<b>Daniel Connal Partnership</b>	<b>900.00</b>
<b>Viking (Printer ink)</b>	<b>133.79</b>
<b>Home View Surveillance</b>	<b>153.60</b>
<b>Mr L Lane (PCM133)</b>	<b>335.00</b>

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#### **17. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman reported that the Methodist Church were no longer able to supply the Christmas lights on the trees on the Galloway Green. The Chairman is to make enquiries regarding alternative forms of supply ie Solar powered

**18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**None**

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm**

**The next meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday, 2nd December 2013.**

**Chairman  
2nd December 2013**